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I. Financial Aid

JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION OFFERS UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP



The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship supports outstanding community college students with financial need by providing funding for them to complete their bachelor's degrees at US four-year colleges and universities. The Foundation provides approximately 50 highly competitive scholarships, which are intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses – including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees – for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree. Awards are valued at up to \$30,000 per year and vary based on the cost of tuition as well as other grants or scholarships the student may receive.

To be eligible for the award, students must be current students at a 2-year institution in the US and have a cumulative college GPA of at least 3.5. All applicants must receive a nomination from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Faculty Representative at their two-year institution, so contact the designated faculty representative on your campus (http://bit.ly/q35mw6). Applicants can access the online application at www.jkcf.org on September 6, 2011 and must submit all completed materials by the deadline, December 6, 2011.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/oQEkVO

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FUNDING AVAILABLE AT NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Northern Michigan University (NMU), a four-year public university located in the town of Marquette, offers a range of scholarships for international undergraduates coming to study in the US. The International Academic Award is available to first-time undergraduate international students, and the Transfer International Academic Award is reserved for students who are transferring to NMU from an accredited US college. Both awards are valued at \$1,100 per semester and require students to maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA.

In addition, international students can apply for funding through the NMU Foundation, which is a variety of awards supported by private donors. These scholarships vary between several hundred and several thousand dollars per student per semester. NMU Foundation scholarship applications for the 2012-2013 academic year will be available on the website during the winter semester.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/o9S1r1

SPALDING UNIVERSITY PROVIDES NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS



The Spalding University Office of Advancement and Development, in collaboration with the School of Nursing, has established scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year for two of its nursing degree programs: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). Scholarship applicants must be officially accepted into the BSN or MSN program, enrolled fulltime (12 credit hours per semester for undergraduate and 9 credit hours per semester for graduate) by the start of the 2011 fall semester, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. The completed application and all required documents must be submitted by 5 PM on September 9, 2011.

Spalding University's School of Nursing, located in Louisville, Kentucky, is the oldest nursing school in the state and is known for its innovations in nursing education and state of the art facilities. Contact Mary Ann Seger, Scholarship Coordinator, at scholarship@spalding.edu with additional questions about the scholarships or admissions in general.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/npH6Xa

AAUW GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN



The American Association for University Women (AAUW) hopes to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. To this end, the organization awards fellowships for full-time graduate and postgraduate study or research in the US to women who are not US citizens or permanent residents.

Fellows are selected for academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to women and girls. The overwhelming majority return to their home countries to become leaders in government, academia, community activism, the arts, and science. In the 2011-2012 cycle, AAUW awarded 49 international fellowships, totaling nearly \$1,000,000. Fellows currently work in diverse fields, including systems biology and population genetics, education reform, international human rights, reproductive health policy, and human trafficking. Applications and all supporting documents for the 2012-2013 competition must be received by December 1, 2011 at 5 PM.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/o3BA0B

II. Campus News

TOEFL SCORE GOES GREEN: NEW ETS REPORTING PROCESS

This week, TOEFL announced a small change in its score reporting process. In the past, students who took the TOEFL iBT test automatically received their scores in two ways: a paper copy mailed to the student, and an online copy accessed via the website. Students were given the option to decline the paper score report and receive scores only online if they wished.

However, in order to be more "green" and reduce paper and shipping, students who take the TOEFL exam in the future will still receive online score reports but will no longer automatically receive a paper version. To obtain a paper copy of the scores, students now must specifically request this option when registering for the exam. If students elect to only receive an online score report but then decide to get a paper copy as well, they have until 10:00 PM (22:00) the day before the test to change their preference.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/qS485t

NEW VIDEO: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DISCUSS THEIR EXPERIENCES AT BAY PATH COLLEGE

Bay Path
College Bay Path College has a long history of welcoming international students to its suburban campuses in Western Massachusetts. By providing international student advisors who offer guidance from the time of arrival,

Bay Path helps to ease students' transition to living and studying in the US. Watch the video to hear what Bay Path College international students have to say about life as a US college student.

Bay Path, which is a private undergraduate women's college with graduate programs for women and men, also offers partial scholarships for qualified international students to help with the cost of education. These merit scholarships range from US\$5,000 to US\$13,000 per year.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/n7Big6



DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC BRIDGE **PROGRAM**



The Academic Bridge Program at Diablo Valley College (DVC), which will take place this October, is designed to allow international students to successfully transition from study outside of the US to a full-time academic program. Experienced faculty and staff give students the confidence and skills they need in order to succeed at colleges and universities in the US. Students take two pre-selected courses, and they also have the opportunity to take part in study sessions, academic seminars, campus visits, and a wide variety of social activities.

To qualify for the Academic Bridge Program, students must be proficient in English (as evidenced by a minimum TOEFL score of 490 (paper), 57 (iBT – Internet-based test) or a 5.0 bandwidth score on the IELTS) and must be 18 years of age or a high school graduate. Total program cost is \$4000, which includes tuition, homestay, processing, placement fee, and selected activities.

Applications are due on September 15, 2011 for the fall program, which runs from October 20 to December 15. For application forms and information, please contact Ms. Effie lp at eip@dvc.edu or Phone: (925) 676-4600.

For more information, please visit:

VOTE: EDUCATIONUSA ADVISEE NGONI MAKUSHA IS A FINALIST FOR BEST TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETE

Ngoni Makusha, a former advisee at the EducationUSA center in Zimbabwe, is a finalist for the Bowerman Award for excellence in collegiate track and field. The Bowerman is the top U.S. honor for male and female athletes participating in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) track and field competition.

Makusha earned a four-year athletic scholarship for track and field at Florida State University, where he competes in the long jump, the 100 meters, and the 4x100 meter relay. Among his many athletic accomplishments, Makusha set collegiate and Zimbabwean national records in two events: the 100 meters (9.89 seconds) and the long jump (8.40 meters).

Voting ends Tuesday, August 16 - vote for Ngoni by clicking the link below!

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/mUAo5m

Contact an EducationUSA adviser near you for guidance on finding and applying to an accredited U.S. college or university. EducationUSA.state.gov (Note: students must apply for financial aid directly with the institution listed)

An archive of these and other past financial aid and news announcements is available at EducationUSA.info/financial-aid

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